



Newsletter 6



"Following God's path to flourish in life"

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Friday 1st October 2021

This week in school...

This week, the children in **Willow Class** have loved retelling their class story, The Bear and the Piano. They all gave their opinion about what they enjoyed about the story and the Year Ones wrote a book recommendation too!

In science lessons this week, **Oak Class** has been learning about different UK habitats. In DT, the children have really enjoyed completing some research about fire engines to inform their own model designs.

In history, children in **Beech Class** have learnt all about Stone Age tools and weapons this week. They then had lots of fun designing their own tools and weapons.

Elm Class has enjoyed learning how to create a 'hue' in a piece of art. The children discussed root colours and made them darker and lighter by adding black or white. The children in Elm Class have also been creating a brilliant alternative ending to the story, 'Leon and the Place Between'.

The children in **Sycamore Class** have been learning about water resistance this week in their Science topic 'forces'. They created an experiment to see if different shaped objects lessens water resistance and if this helps them sink faster in water. They made great predictions and understood how to create a fair test. The children have also been learning about the Ancient Egyptians in history and created a great timeline to show the significant events in Ancient Egyptian history. Well done Sycamore.

Another week has whizzed past in **Maple Class**. The children have continued to draft their Mr Men stories and to master multiplication! The children are turning out to be avid historians with impressive knowledge of the Victorian era. In PE, the children continued to develop their netball skills and progressed to playing small, fast paced, 'friendly,' mini games. The speed with which they have picked up the skills, and their ability to use them effectively, is impressive.

Harvest Festival – house of bread Friday 8th October

We were so hoping to be able to put on a face to face harvest festival this year but unfortunately this won't be the case. Instead, the children will perform poems and songs, which will be recorded and posted on Class Dojo. Traditionally at St Andrew's, we support the House of Bread charity in Stafford. The House of Bread is a food bank which supports local families in times of need. We are asking for food donations to be brought into school on Friday 8th October. Please bring in tins, jars, packets, boxes or any food that can be stored without refrigeration. Let's see how much we can help the children of Stafford.



COVID Measures

I posted a letter on Class Dojo on Friday. It outlined measures that Mid-Trent Trust schools are going to take following the news that Stafford is a Covid hotspot. What this means for St Andrew's:

- **Dropping children off at school.** Please continue to drop the children off by 8.50am. We will continue as we have been. Face coverings are optional outside.
- **Bubbles.** Class bubbles will be re-introduced. However, Willow and Oak Classes will be treated as one bubble at this stage unless there is a covid outbreak. Year 1 children will continue to come together for lessons during the week. Key Stage 2 classes (Beech, Elm, Sycamore and Maple) will be kept separate during the school day.
- **Lunchtimes.** The children will eat their meals in the school hall but within their class bubbles. Willow, Oak and Elm will eat at 12.00pm and Beech, Sycamore and Maple will eat at 12.30pm.
- **Music lessons.** Music lessons will continue. We may need to swap some children around to maintain the bubble groupings.
- **Assemblies.** Assemblies will take place via Microsoft Teams.
- **Picking children up at the end of the day.** We may control the rate of parents entering the school gate to ensure 2 metre social distancing is observed.
- **CHILL.** Children attending CHILL will be organised into three bubbles: Willow and Oak, Beech and Elm, Sycamore and Maple.
- **Face coverings.** From Monday 4th October, all parents, carers and visitors entering the school buildings will be asked to wear face coverings.

The table below is the guidance we would like families to follow regarding covid cases and contact.

Parents with no symptoms/ no contacts	Regular lateral flow testing (min. 2 x per week)
Child with symptoms of Covid 19	Do not attend school until negative PCR test is returned.
Child generally unwell	Do not attend school until negative PCR test is returned.
Child with positive case in household	Advised to stay at home and take PCR test before returning to school.
Child notified as a contact of a positive case in school/ wider community.	PCR test taken. Can return whilst waiting for results if generally well and lateral flow test is negative.

STAA AGM – 21st Oct 2021 – 6.30pm

On Thursday 21st October, STAA (St Andrew's PTFA) will be hosting their annual AGM. Due to current restrictions, it will be held virtually, online. This is a great way to meet other parents and get involved in the life of the school. It has been a challenge over the past two years to put on events but hopefully moving forward we will see the return of much loved social events and fundraisers. A link to the meeting will appear in Newsletter 8, so do look out for that.

This Week's Lunchtime Menu

Please note that fish fingers, Quorn dippers and chips will be served on Thursday this week.

Lunchtime Menu – Week 3 (Weeks commencing 13/09, 04/10, 25/10, 15/11, 06/12, 27/12, 17/01, 07/02, 28/02, 21/03, 11/04)					
Day	Dailies	Hot Specials		Sides	Puddings
Monday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Vegetable Supreme Pizza with dough balls Cheesy tomato pizza slice with sweetcorn and peppers	Veggie Sausage and Mash with Gravy Veggie sausage and mash with gravy	Fresh carrots and peas	Oatie Biscuit With Fruit Slices
Tuesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Allegra's Garlicky Chicken and Spanish Spuds Garlic seasoned chicken, served with Spanish style potatoes	Allegra's Cheesy Peasy Risotto Bake A delicious baked cheesy, pea risotto	Sweetcorn and Fresh Broccoli	Apple and Carrot Yoghurt Muffin
Wednesday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Roast chicken with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy A veggie Quorn roast with fluffy roasties	Fresh Carrots and Fresh Cabbage	Strawberry Ice Cream With Fruit Slices
Thursday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Golden Fish Fingers and Chips Crispy fish fingers with scrummy chips	Quorn Dippers and Chips	Fresh Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Chocolate Sponge Cake With Fruit Slices
Friday	Jacket Potato with a choice of filling	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Veggie hotdog with Potato Wedges	Baked Beans, Fresh Carrots and Peas	Creamy Peach Rice Pudding

Available every day: Cool water, salad, freshly baked bread, yoghurt and fresh fruit

Reverend Viv and the team would like to invite the children to the following event:

Jam is coming to Hixon on Saturday 16th October

We invite children and their family to our come taste and see.

Bring a picnic you can share with others.

We will be exploring how and where our food comes from.

story about a really incredible feast

Singing



Games

The Benefice of Mid Trent

Family Fun

Food



Free

Jesus and me @mid Trent

Crafts

Saturday 16th October 12.30 to 2.30

Memorial hall Hixon.

Bikeability

The children in Sycamore and Maples classes will be enjoying Bikeability this week. The children in Sycamore Class will be going for their Level 1 award and the children in Maple Class will be going for their Level 2 award. The children in Sycamore Class will need to bring their bikes to school on Wednesday 6th October and the children in Maple Class will need to bring their bikes to school on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th October. Bikes left overnight will be locked safely in the school building. Children must wear helmets when on their bikes.



CHILL

To book places at CHILL, please click on the link below. This will take you to the CHILL page on the school website. Please make your booking no later than 6.00pm on a Friday to secure your place for the following week. Thank you

[CLICK HERE to access CHILL booking forms](#)

Prayer Space

This term, the children and adults in school are focussing on Fellowship.

Lord

Just for one day – make me kind.

Just for one day – empower me to forgive.

Just for one day – open my mind

Just for one day – help me live

Amen

And finally...

The team at St Andrew's would like to send their best wishes to Miss Cawley who has given birth to a little girl – Olive. We wish her and her family well for the future.

Mr Hayward.

TERM DATES FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2021 – 2022

AUTUMN TERM 2021

Wednesday 6 October	Sycamore Class Bikeability
Thursday 7 October	Maple Class Bikeability
Friday 8 October	Maple Class Bikeability
Monday 11 October	Local Academy Committee Meeting (Governors)
Thursday 21 October	STAA (St Andrew's PTFA) AGM

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Monday 1 November	INSET Day – school closed to children
Thursday 11 November	Remembrance Day Service 10.45am
Wednesday 24 November	Flu immunisations for the children
Friday 17 December	Last day of the Autumn term

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20 December – Monday 3 January

SPRING TERM 2022

Tuesday 4 January	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 5 January	School opens
Thursday 6 January	City 7s Assembly 10.30am

Half Term: Monday 21 February – Friday 25 February

Monday 4 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
Tuesday 5 April	Parents' evening – Face to face
Friday 8 April	Last day of the Spring term

Easter Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

SUMMER TERM 2022

Monday 25 April	School opens
Monday 2 May	School closed due to May Bank Holiday

Half Term: Monday 30 May – Friday 3 June

Monday 6 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 7 June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 20 July	Last day of the school year

Summer Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September 2022